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Pool Safety

With the temperatures estimated to reach 110 degrees this weekend it is safe to say that summer is upon us. High temperatures are the perfect time to enjoy our backyard pools and vacation to beautiful destinations that provide clear blue oceans. This is an excellent opportunity for us to discuss pool safety before the swimming begins.

Drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental death for children under the age of four in Arizona. Many children drown in their backyard pools. Others drown or have "near drowning" incidents in spas, bathtubs, canals, ponds, lakes, toilets, oceans, and even buckets of water. A child can drown in as little as two inches of water. "Near drowning" tragedies can cause children to have permanent brain damage.

The fact is drowning is a quick and silent killer. In the time it takes to answer the telephone, tragedy can occur. Multiple layers of protection are the key to a water safety plan. Protect your family with the following safety tips.

- Supervise children wherever there may be water.
- No one should swim alone. This includes adults.
- Designate an adult to be responsible for watching children in pools during parties, and rotate shifts. Have them wear a special shirt, hat or badge so that others know not to interrupt this person while on duty.
- Install a pool fence or other approved barrier around the pool perimeter. Solar covers are not considered a barrier.



From The Desk Of Commander Burl Haenel

Many of you have heard Officer Mark Ruffennach talk about how property crimes rise during the summer months. Scottsdale is not unique to this trend. It is a concern throughout our nation.

I am very pleased to report that Scottsdale Police apprehended several individuals responsible for numerous business burglaries along the Shea Blvd. corridor. These apprehensions were a result of outstanding police work from both patrol and detective units. Crime reduction continues to be a top priority for the department. Keep in mind, one of the first lines of defense comes from its community members. When one sees something suspicious, please call the police department's non-emergency line at (480) 312-5000. If the situation appears to be a crime in progress or an emergency, please call 9-1-1.

If you are planning a vacation, let a trusted neighbor know how they can contact you if an emergency would arise to your property. The Scottsdale Police Department offers a program called, "Vacation Watch." This is when an officer while on routine patrol drives to your residence when you are away and checks your property. This ensures the resident(s) that nothing appears to have been tampered with at that particular time. To register for a Vacation Watch, please call the station officer at (480) 312-5025. In the mean time, continue having a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Commander Burl Haenel
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Pool Safety

- Ensure pool access gates are self-closing and self-latching. Check regularly to keep in good working order.
- Secure doors, gates, and pet doors that lead to the pool area. Secure spas with childproof covers.
- Keep a telephone by the pool to call 9-1-1 in case of an emergency.
- Take CPR classes at least every two years. Babysitters, grandparents and friends should all know safety rules and CPR.
- Teach children to swim at the appropriate age. Swimming lessons do not “drown-proof” anyone.
- Keep toys and objects away from the pool or spa area. Move furniture inside of the fenced area and away from fences so children can’t use them for climbing.
- Empty inflatable pools, ice chests and buckets when not in use.
- Keep bathroom doors closed and consider using a toilet latch during toddler years.
- If an accident happens, act immediately. If a child is missing, always check the pool or spa first. Yell for help, dial 9-1-1 and start CPR.
- Teach your children to be water safe. Tell children to yell for an adult and throw a flotation device if they find someone in trouble in the water. They should never jump into a pool to save someone else.
- Encourage children to tell an adult right away if the pool gate is left open or the cover is left off the spa.
- Teach them to dial 9-1-1 in case of an emergency.

It is important to enforce the same safety rules you set at home while you are on vacation. Never allow your children to swim unsupervised in a hotel/motel pool. Never assume someone else is watching your child. Inspect the pool before you swim. Complete a safety checklist to include the following: Is there a lifeguard on duty? Where is the rescue equipment? Do you know how to use it? Does it work? Where is the telephone and does it dial out of the hotel/motel?

The good news is water related incidents can be prevented. It is your responsibility to educate your children about pool safety. Summer is the time for vacations, but we can never take a vacation from water safety. For information on CPR classes call the Scottsdale Fire department at 480-312-3473. For information on water safety classes call 480-312-POOL or Officer Mark Ruffennach at 480-312-5696 or mruffennach@scottsdaleaz.gov.

Lock Boxes for Seniors

The Scottsdale Police Department, in conjunction with the Scottsdale Area Association of Realtors, is continuing its successful program of installing specially coded lock boxes on the homes of seniors or those who might be infirmed.

The code for the lock box is entered into the Scottsdale Police Departments CAD system, along with the address of the individual who has the lock box installed. In the event of an emergency and the individual who resides at the address calls 9-1-1 and is unable to get to the door the first responder can obtain the entry code through the CAD system. This enables the first responder to enter the premises without the necessity of damaging a door or window.

The lock boxes are offered free to those with an income of under \$25,000.00 per year. There is a minimal charge of \$25 for those who have an income over the amount. For more information please call 1-877-229-5042 and leave your name and telephone number.

Calendar of Events

“Wet and Wild Day”

Kids can cool down and participate in outrageous activities including sandcastle building, sponge wars and unique relays at Wet and Wild Water Day, 1100a.m. to 3:00p.m. Friday June 30th. The event will be at Chaparral Pool 5401 N. Hayden Rd. Call 480-312-2771 for information.

The Scottsdale Police Department Wants You!



The Scottsdale Police Department has excellent job opportunities in the following fields:

Police Officer, Police Aide, Communications, Detention Officers, Crime Lab, Records, and Crime Scene Specialists. Visit our website at www.Scottsdalepd.com or contact Officer Greg Carlin at 480-312-5384, or e-mail: gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov.